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Wednesday, November 6

Welcome and Introduction: **Katherine Wallman, OMB**

Keynote Address: **Jay Hakes, Jimmy Carter Library**

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Speakers:

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A Disclosure Limitation Method for Tabular Data That Preserves Accuracy and Ease-of-Use

Stephen H. Cohen, BLS; **Wilbur Hadden, NCHS**

Data Access: Issues with Public Use Data Files and Data Centers

Discussant:

Fritz Scheuren, NORC

2. Achieving Timeliness in a “Real Time” World

Organizer: **Edward Spar, COPAFS**; Chair: **Louis Kincannon, USCB**

Two panels of producers, suppliers and users of economic and demographic data

Panel 1 on Economic Data:

Steven Landefeld, BEA;

Forrest Williams, DOC;

Maurine Haver, Haver Analytics

Panel 2 on Demographic Data:

John Kavalionas, USCB;

Linda Jacobsen, Claritas;

Kimball Brace, Election Data Services

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Joel Cantor, Rutgers University;

Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ;

Pat Doyle, USCB;

Steven B. Cohen, AHRQ;

Rick Brown, UCLA;

Jane Gentleman, NCHS

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Marjorie Blumenthal, NAS

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Cynthia Clark, USCB;

Marilyn McMillen, NCES;

Brian Greenberg, SSA

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Speakers:

Thomas Brown, NARA

The History of the Custodial Program for Electronic Records at the National Archives and Records Administration

Margaret Adams, NARA

Evolution in Access Services for Electronic Records at the National Archives and Records Administration

Kenneth Thibodeau, NARA

Building for the Future: the Electronic Records Archives Program

Discussant:

Constance Citro, CNSTAT

Thursday, November 7

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Pamela White, Statistics Canada

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Olivia Blum, Israel Central Bureau of Statistics

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Jon Krosnick, The Ohio State University

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Michael Link, RTI International

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D.E.B. Potter, AHRQ;

Carol Hert, Syracuse University;

Patricia Doyle, USCB;

Thomas Nardone, BLS;

Samuel Highsmith, USCB

10. Providing Small Area Estimates

Organizer: **Robert Fay**, USCB; Chair: **Lois Orr**, BLS

Speakers:

John Eltinge, USCB

Small Domain Estimation for the U.S. Current Employment Statistics Program:
Management Implications of Multiple Stakeholders and Multiple Constraints

Douglas Wright, SAMHSA

State Estimates of Substance Use Rates from the National Household Survey on Drug
Abuse (NHSDA)

Discussant:

Graham Kalton, Westat

1:00-2:15 p.m **Luncheon Hosted by COPAFS**

Speaker: **Katherine Wallman**, OMB

What's Hot, What's Not

11. Ensuring Citizen Privacy

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Speakers:

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